

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 66

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Stan Bell for laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professional educators of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Stan Bell, a Memphis City Schools (MCS) classroom teacher, a radio and television broadcasting instructor at Sheffield and Wooddale high schools, and a radio personality; and

WHEREAS, following a long tradition of educational excellence, Stan Bell is the son of retired Memphis City Schools teacher, Mrs. Joyce T. Bell, and the grandson of the late Professor Elihu Teague, a longtime administrator with Manassas High School; as a child, he attended Hyde Park Elementary, Vollentine Elementary, Snowden School, Cypress Middle, and Northside High School; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell received a B.S. degree in Mass Communications from the University of Tennessee at Martin and both master's and his Master of Education degree and Education Specialist degree from Union University; and

WHEREAS, Stan Bell is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, he has also served the public for two decades as a radio personality, providing his listeners with music and entertainment during the evening hours via V101.1 KJMS-FM radio; every six weeks, Stan Bell opens his phone lines and allows parents to boast about their child's report cards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell lends his time and professional talents to a number of civic, educational, and charitable events, as well as holding memberships in a variety of notable organizations; and

WHEREAS, Stan Bell is renowned for displaying a poetic repository of African American history, which he conveys in particular poignancy to his young African-American audiences; and

WHEREAS, a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Mr. Bell is also professionally involved with Kappa Delta Pi, an international honors organization for educators; and

WHEREAS, he has twice served as an Agenda Guide for MCS Team Assembly at Pyramid in 2004, and at the FedEx Forum in 2005; he also served as an Agenda Guide for Freedom Award Public Forum in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Stan Bell was the Master of Ceremonies for the National Civil Rights Museum's Freedom Award Public Forum honoring President Bill Clinton and Maxine Smith in 2003, a celebrity co-anchor for WMC-TV New Year's Eve Countdown, keynote speaker for the annual Tuskegee Airmen Observance, the KFC Celebrity Emcee for a 2003 rally and the KFC spokesperson for Southern Heritage Classic Weekend,; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named a "Distinguished" Role Model for Memphis Alliance of Black School Educators, Mr. Bell is also a member of the Memphis Education Association for which he served as a motivational speaker for the Future Teachers of America, Tennessee Education Association, and National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Stan Bell has volunteered with both the Memphis Literacy Council and the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Memphis, as well as with the Rozelle CAPA Elementary School Chapter of Boy Scouts and as a keynote speaker for Rozelle's Honor Society Induction Ceremony; and

WHEREAS, he has also contributed his public speaking talents to a number of events in a variety of ways, including as a volunteer reader, narrator, motivational speaker, keynote speaker, spokesperson, presenter, and master of ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mr. Bell is the recipient of the Crystal Apple Teacher of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Stan Bell is the loving husband of Carla, and the proud father of three sons, Matthew, Myles, and Micah, affectionately known as the “baby bell-ringers”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bell is a faithful and devout member of St. John Baptist Church, where radio pioneer, Professor Nat. D. Williams, was his Sunday School teacher and broadcasting mentor; Stan Bell serves his church in numerous capacities, including as a SkillsUSA Advisor for West Tennessee Area Announcement Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Stan Bell epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Stan Bell, who epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher and public servant, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Stan Bell on his laudable service to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career as a teacher, radio personality, and public servant of the highest order.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.